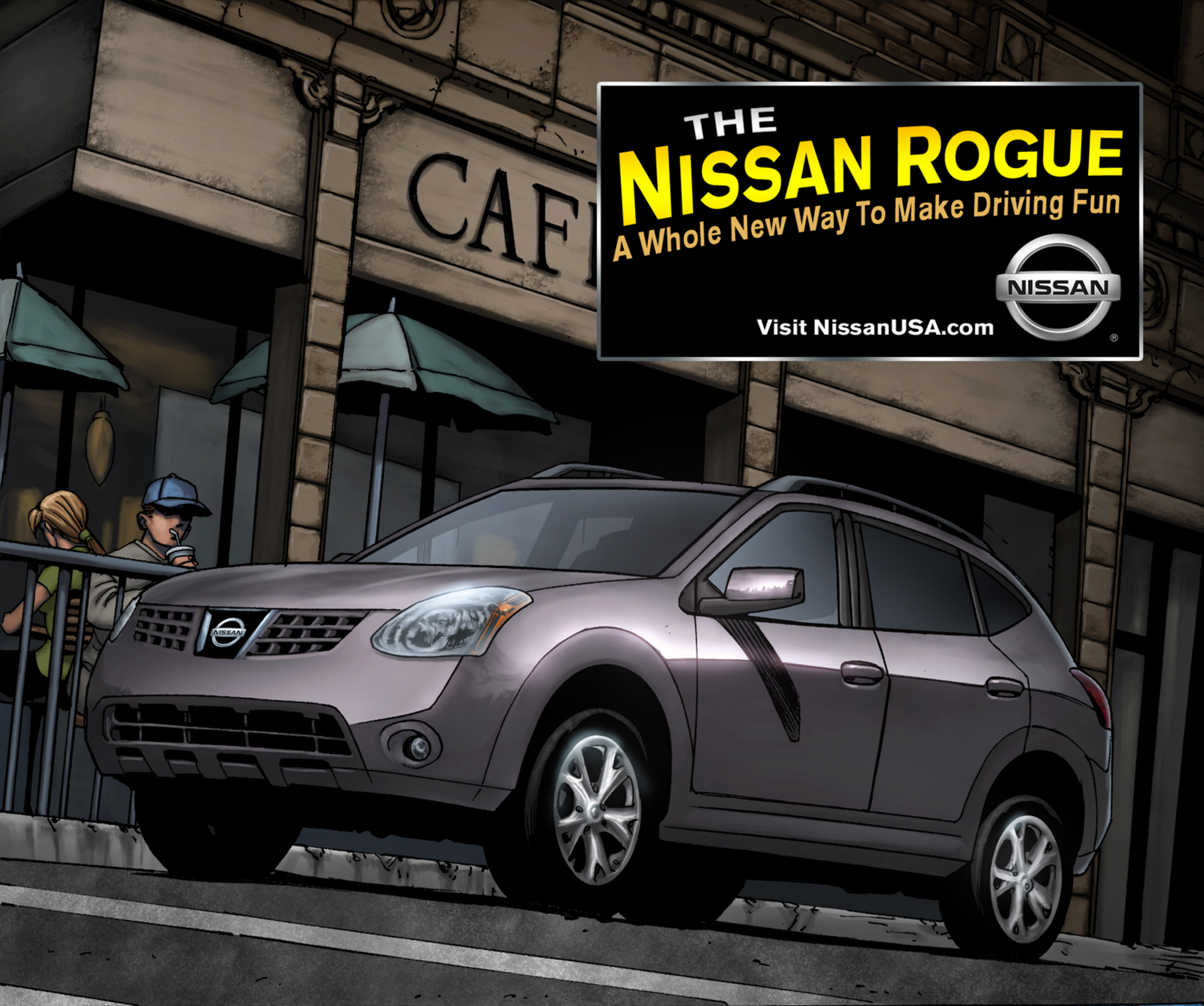


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CHAPTER 129

HANGING BY A THREAD

The mysterious REBEL has been continually playing a game of cat and mouse with Rachel Mills, constantly putting her at odds with Danko's objectives. Up to now, Rachel's been able to keep her power a secret from him... But when she's hot on the trail of a slippery special, will Rachel finally be able to determine where her loyalties actually lie?

I'VE BEEN CHASING HIM FOR 27 MINUTES.

HIS NAME IS HOWIE KAPLAN, BUT DANKO TOLD ME THEY CALLED HIM "SLICK", BECAUSE OF HIS POWER.

AND I STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS --

OH...

DAMN IT!



WOOOAAAAHH!

I HOPE NOBODY IS WATCHING THIS...



HANGING BY A THREAD



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I WASN'T SUPPOSED
TO DO THIS, BUT --



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OH, DAMN --
DID YOU FALL?!
TOO BAD...

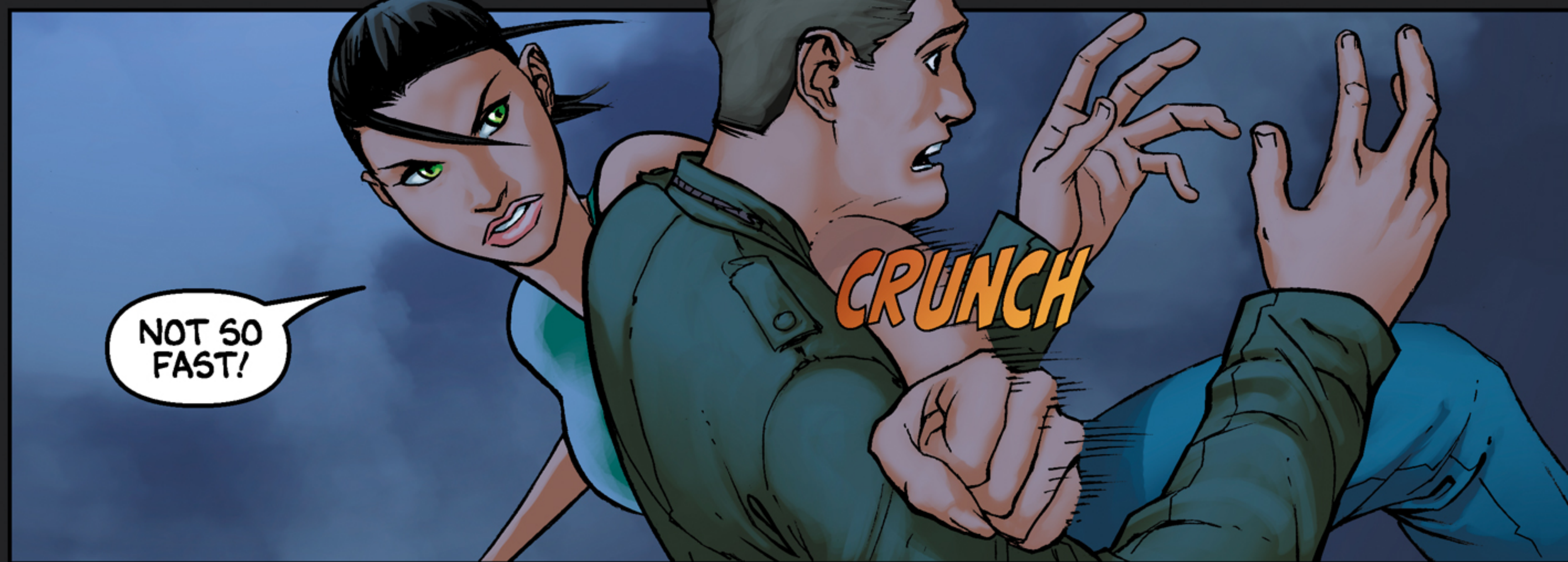


DID YOU
MISS ME?



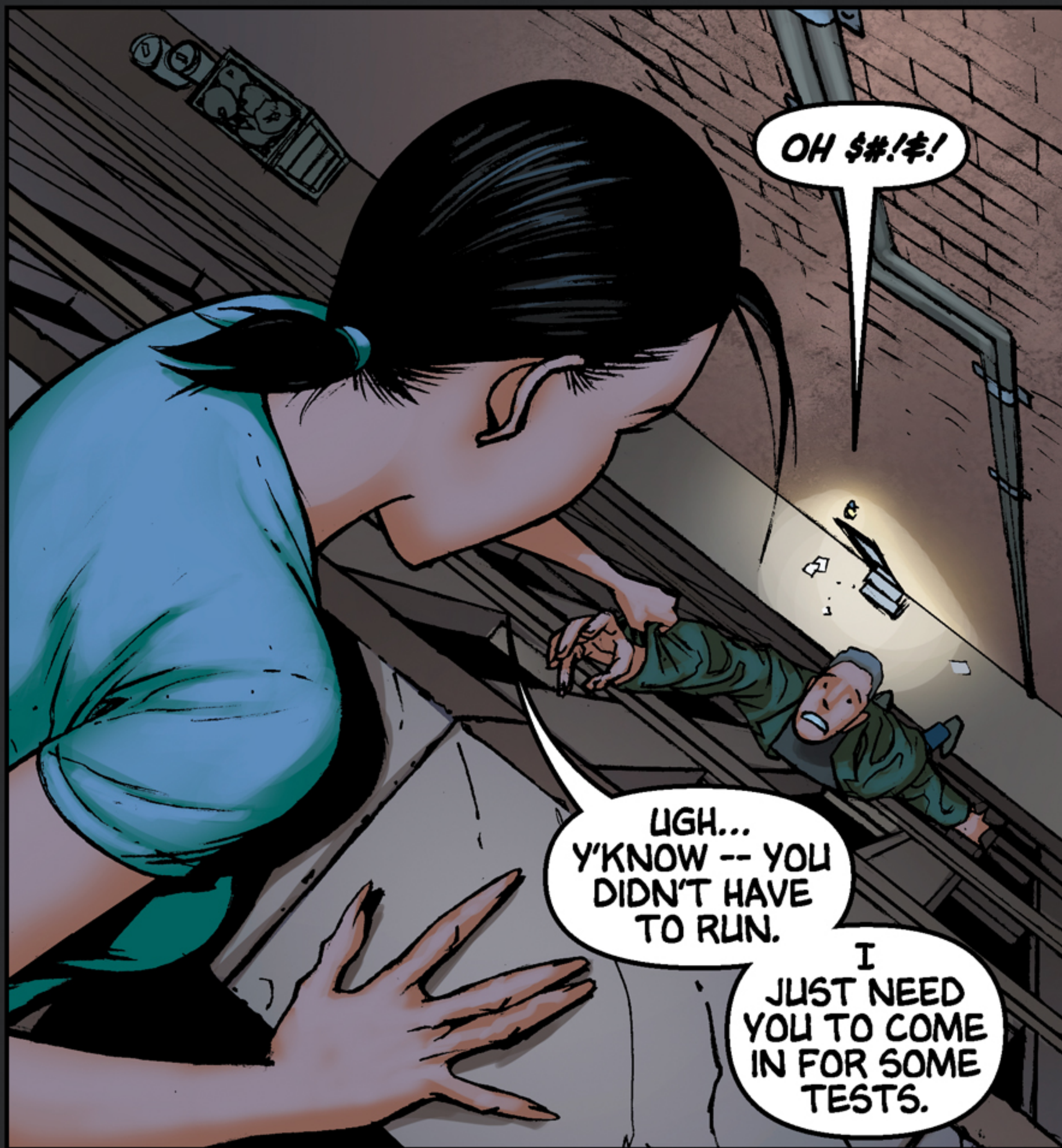
NOT SO
FAST!

CRUNCH



SNAG





OH \$#!\$!

LIGH...
Y'KNOW -- YOU
DIDN'T HAVE
TO RUN.

I
JUST NEED
YOU TO COME
IN FOR SOME
TESTS.



YOU'RE A VERY
SPECIAL CASE, AND IT
WOULD BE DANGEROUS
FOR US TO NOT
INCLUDE YOU IN OUR
RECORDS.

MMMPH...



SO,
EITHER YOU
ANSWER SOME
QUESTIONS I
HAVE, OR I LET
YOU FALL TO
YOUR DEATH...
THOUGHTS?

YOU
THINK I
WANT TO
DIE?

THEN
GRAB
ON!

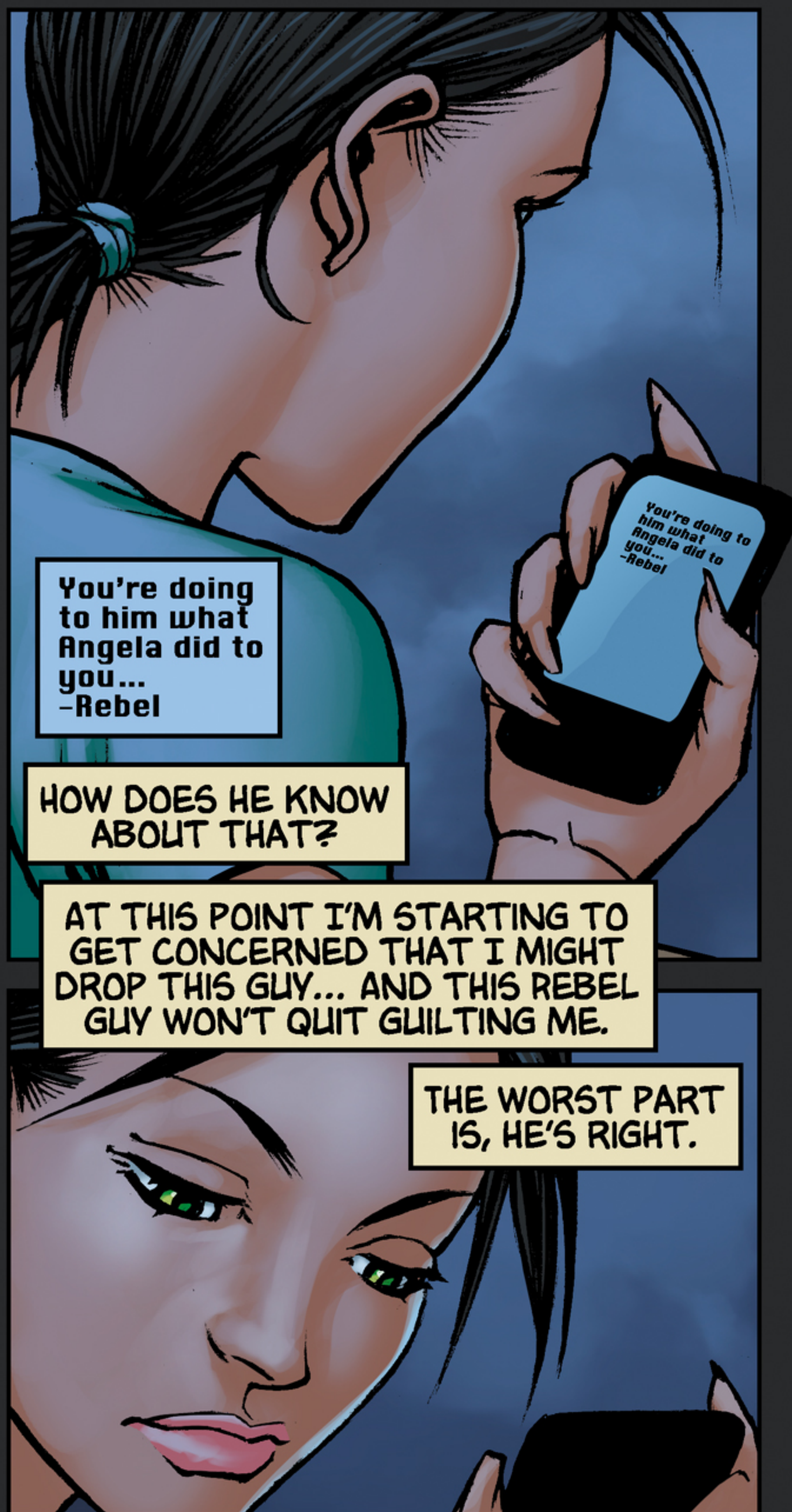


HOW LONG
HAVE YOU KNOWN
THAT YOU HAD
AN ABILITY?

PLEASE --
I'M SLIPPING.

WHICH
IS WHY
YOU SHOULD
ANSWER
ME.

BUZZ



You're doing
to him what
Angela did to
you...
-Rebel

HOW DOES HE KNOW
ABOUT THAT?

AT THIS POINT I'M STARTING TO
GET CONCERNED THAT I MIGHT
DROP THIS GUY... AND THIS REBEL
GUY WON'T QUIT GUILTING ME.

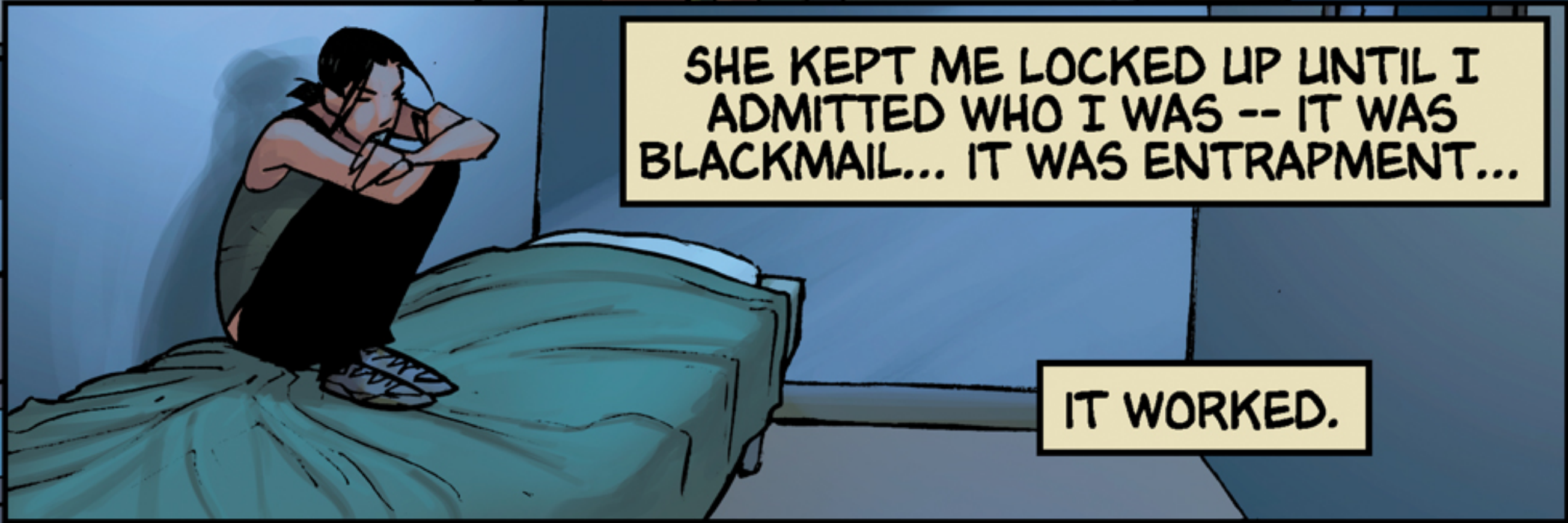
THE WORST PART
IS, HE'S RIGHT.



CLAIM YOUR
POWER, NOW --
RACHEL... TODAY
IS YOUR DAY OF
RECKONING.

I'M NOT
SPECIAL!

SHE DROVE ME TO THE
BRINK. SHE WOULDN'T
LET ME DENY IT.



SHE KEPT ME LOCKED UP UNTIL I
ADMITTED WHO I WAS -- IT WAS
BLACKMAIL... IT WAS ENTRAPMENT...

IT WORKED.



THIS COULD
SUCK...

FWIP

SHE KNEW THAT THE
ONLY WAY FOR ME TO
GET OUT OF THERE
WAS TO EMBRACE MY
POWER.

FWIP

TAKE RESPONSIBILITY
AND ESCAPE -- WITH
THE ABILITY I HAVE.



FWIP

I DON'T KNOW
WHY SHE DID IT...



BUT SHE
LET ME GO.



SO I'M GOING TO LET HIM GO...
IT'S WHAT REBEL WANTS, AND
IT'S WHAT I WANT.

ALRIGHT,
UP WE GO.



I CAN'T CATCH
A BREAK HERE.

IS SHE
OKAY?

DO WE
GOT AN I.D.,
MILLS?

I'M...
\$#!%...



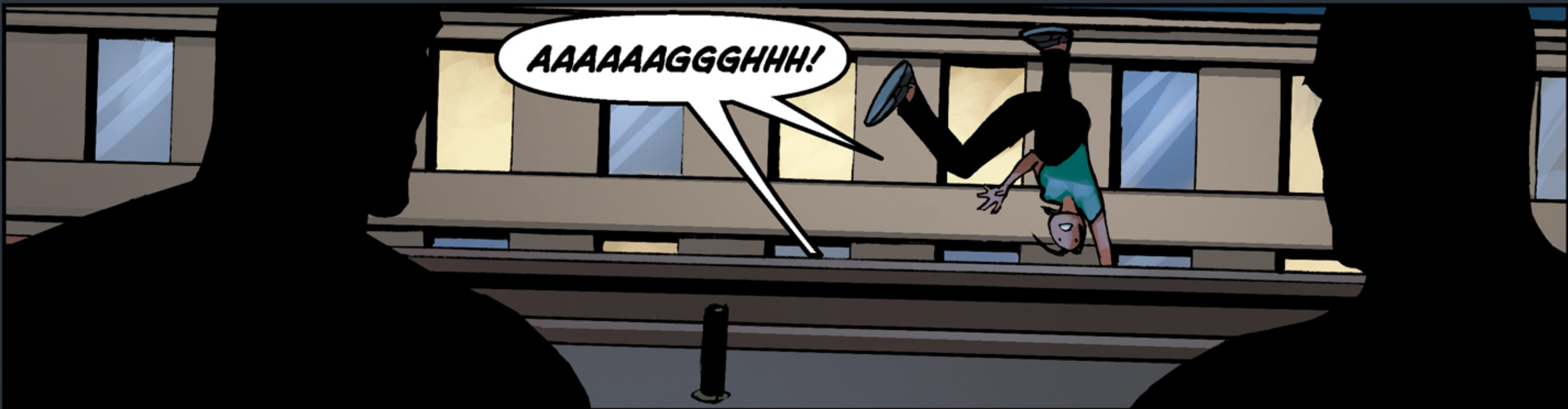
HOLD ON...

I'M...
SLIPPING...

THEN
CLOSE YOUR
EYES.



HOLD ON...
LET'S JUST SEE
WHAT'S --



AAAAAAGGGHHH!

